[Mr. R. M. Statham.]

to wait till the next school year. When he applied in 1108, he was informed that the question of opening the class might be deferred for next year.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why his application for opening a class was deferred?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Apparently the Inspector was not satisfied that the class was needed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why he was asked in 1107 to wait till 1108?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The answer I gave to the previous question applies to this also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Could not the Manager be told that a new class would not be allowed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The question of recognition rests with the Inspector of Vernacular Schools. There was some cause for dissatisfaction so far as recognition to that school was concerned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Manager has sustained any loss because he had to construct a building for the additional class on the understanding that a fourth class will be allowed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): He was given the hope that if the Inspector was satisfied recognition of the class might be granted.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the class was eventually recognised?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not yet.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether all these circumstances were considered by the department in passing the order in 1108?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instuction*): The order was passed by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools who has complete power for granting recognition, withdrawals, etc.

Standardization of forms.

56. MR. N. ABDUR RAHIAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Special Officer for the standardization of forms was appointed;

(*b*) the period within which he was expected to finish his work as per the original arrangement;

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to absorb him in the Stationery Department, either temporarily or permanently;

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be justified in granting him deputation allowance; and

(*e*) whether the Government expect any savings on account of the appointment of the above Special Officer?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) He was appointed on the 15th Kanni 1108.

(*b*) No such period was definitely fixed. The Special Officer was appointed for one year as is usually done in such cases. As the forms of about 30 departments remained to be standardized at the end of last year, the Special Officer's work has been ordered to be continued for the current year.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

(*e*) Yes, large annual recurring savings under Stationery and Printing are expected by the work of the Special Officer, in addition to the savings already effected by him during the last year.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): In answer to part (*e*) may I know the approximate annual saving that Government hope to achieve by the appointment of the Special Officer?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is a substantial saving.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know at least the approximate annual saving?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No estimate can be formed at present. But, I can say that during the current year (1109), the provision for the supply of stationery to the various departments is only Rs. 1,51,000 as against, Rs. 2,18,750 in 1108. So, there is a large reduction in the provision for this purpose and the Government expect that there will be a further saving in the course of another year.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know for what period he is appointed?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): He was appointed last year and the period has been extended till the end of this year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether this difference of Rs. 65,000 between the figures of 1108 and 1109 is due to the work of the Special Officer alone?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Partly due to that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is the member in a position to give a rough idea as to the saving effected in consequence of the Special Officer's work during 1108?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know what connection there is between the work of the Special Officer and the amount of Rs. 65,000 which is the difference between the Budget allotments of 1108 and 1109?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : A portion of the saving is due to the work of the Special Officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : That is why I wish to know the approximate idea of saving effected, so that there may be established some connection between the officer and the question at issue.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice of that question.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Is the Standardisation Special Officer directed to consult the Superintendent, Government Press, in his work ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretray to Government*) : Whenever necessary, he consults the Superintendent, Government Press.

MR. K. R. ELANKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether he has been given directions to do so ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

Christian Clerks in the Secretariat.

57. ***MR. ANTONY GEORGE** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of higher grade Christian clerks in the Secretariat ;

(*b*) of these whether there are any Latin Christians ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ;

(*d*) how many Latin Christian graduates have applied for the post of higher grade clerks in the Secretariat for the last three years and how many have been entertained in service ; and

(*e*) how many of the lower grade clerks in the Secretariat are Christians and of them how many are Latins ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 21

(*b*) There is one Latin Christian who is on other duty as Ag. Tahsildar.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

(*d*) There were 17 applicants from Latin Christian graduates. No one has been entertained during the last 3 years.

(*e* There are 8 Christians in the Lower Grade. None of them is of Latin-rite.

MR. ANTONY GEORGE (*Nominated*) : In answer to part (*d*), may I know, amongst 17 applicants, why not one Latin Christian has been appointed ?

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